

## Biography

### **Congressman Artur Davis**

Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

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On January 7, 2003, Artur Davis was sworn in as the newest congressman for Alabama's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The event culminated a life-long desire to serve the people of Alabama as a member of the United States House of Representatives.

Born in 1967 in the impoverished neighborhood of West Montgomery, Alabama, Davis continues to exercise his commitment to excellence as a United States Congressman and the principles of hard work which have propelled him his entire life including his graduating Magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1990 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1993.

Congressman Davis' excellent academic career gave birth to a flourishing professional life as a successful attorney and advocate for justice. While still in law school, Congressman Davis returned to Alabama to work with the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery and with former U.S. Senator Howell Heflin in Washington.

Upon graduation from law school, Congressman Davis received a clerkship with Judge Myron F. Thompson, one of the first African-American judges on the federal bench in Alabama. From 1994 to 1998, Congressman Davis served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama fighting white-collar criminals and the scourge of drugs and violence on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

From 1998 until his election to the House, Congressman Davis fought as a civil rights attorney for the rights of those unjustly treated in the workplace.

Now, Congressman Davis is set to diligently work on behalf of the people of Central and West Alabama who suffer from the chronic poverty and absence of opportunity in the region. Davis' challenge is representing a district in two paradoxical worlds with some of the highest pockets of prosperity in the Southeast alongside some of the poorest regions in America. His district is the third poorest congressional district in the United States with five of the 12 counties in the 7<sup>th</sup> District identified in the list of 100 poorest counties in America as ranked by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Congressman Davis serves on the Financial Services Committee, with seats on the Housing and Community Opportunities and Financial Institutions subcommittees. Davis also serves on the Budget Committee, which sets the annual blueprint for government spending practices.

"The task we have is extending opportunity for good jobs, quality healthcare and high performing schools that are the basic hallmarks of a self-sustaining community. Increasing the overall quality of life for my constituents will be the overarching goal of my tenure in Congress, and I look forward to working on behalf of the people who put me here."

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